GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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OMBUDSMAN IN INCOME TAX
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to appoint an OMBUDSMAN for income tax grievances;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the functions being assigned to him; and

(d) the steps will be taken to sufficiently empower the institution of OMBUDSMAN?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a): A proposal to create the institution of Income-tax Ombudsman for effective redressal of taxpayers grievances is under consideration of the Central Government.

(b), (c) & (d): Details of functions and powers of the Ombudsman are under examination of the Government.